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                          UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                                DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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   ELIZABETH BRACY,
                                           CASE NO.: 2:20-cv-00460
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               Plaintiff,
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         VS.
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   BLAKE ROBERT FUHRIMAN;
    individually; DP CURTIS TRUCKING,
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    INC., Utah Corporation; DOES I-X,
   inclusive.
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               Defendants.
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      DEFENDANTS BLAKE ROBERT FUHRIMAN AND DP CURTIS TRUCKING, INC.'S
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               ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF ELIZABETH BRACY'S COMPLAINT
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         COME NOW, Defendants BLAKE ROBERT FUHRIMAN and DP CURTIS
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   TRUCKING, INC. ("Defendants"), by and through their counsel, Josh Cole Aicklen, Esq.
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   and Stephen L. Titzer, Esq. of LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP, and answer
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   Plaintiff ELIZABETH BRACY'S ("Plaintiff") Complaint as follows:
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- 1. Answering Paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Plaintiff's Complaint, these answering Defendants are without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of said paragraphs, and on that basis, these answering Defendants deny each and every allegation set forth therein.
- 2. Answering Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint, these answering Defendants admit the allegations set forth therein.
- 3. Answering Paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the Plaintiff's Complaint, these answering Defendants deny the allegations set forth therein.

# **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted against these answering Defendants.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The damages allegedly suffered by Plaintiff, if any, were proximately caused, or were contributed to, by reason of the negligence of the Plaintiff and such negligence bars Plaintiff's claims and/or reduces Plaintiff's recovery against these answering Defendants.

# THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The damages allegedly suffered by Plaintiff, if any, were caused by the acts or omissions of other parties over whom these answering Defendants had no control.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to mitigate her damages, if any.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is estopped from asserting any rights she may have against these answering Defendants.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has waived any rights she may have had against these answering Defendants.

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1 SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 2 Plaintiff's claims are barred by the statute of limitations and/or by the doctrine of 3 laches. 4 EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 5 Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands. 6 NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 7 All conduct by Defendants and those acting on their behalf was reasonable under 8 the circumstances, undertaken in good faith, and not intentional, tortious or unlawful. 9 **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 10 Plaintiff is not a real party in interest and does not have the capacity or standing to 11 assert the claimed causes of action. 12 **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE** 13 Plaintiff consented to the actions and physical contact asserted in the Complaint. 14 TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 15 Defendants are entitled to indemnity and contribution from any responsible party. 16 THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 17 Plaintiff is in *pari delicto* as to the events asserted in the Complaint. 18 FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 19 Plaintiff's claims are barred by the Imminent Peril Doctrine. 20 FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 21 Plaintiff's claims are barred by the Unavoidable Accident Doctrine. 22 SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE 23 These answering Defendants incorporate by reference those affirmative defenses 24 enumerated in FRCP 8 as if fully set forth herein for the specific purpose of not waiving 25 any such defenses. In the event further investigation and/or discovery reveals the 26 applicability of any such defenses, or any other affirmative defenses, Defendants reserve 27 28

the right to seek leave of court to amend this answer to specifically assert any such 1 2 defenses. 3 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 4 WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for judgment as follows: 5 1. That the Court dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint in its entirety with prejudice; 6 2. That the Court award Defendants their costs and attorneys' fees incurred herein 7 in the defense of this action; and 8 3. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. 9 DATED this \_\_5\_ day of March, 2020. 10 Respectfully submitted, 11 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP 12 13 By /s/ Josh Cole Aicklen JOSH COLE AICKLEN 14 Nevada Bar No. 007254 STEPHEN L. TITZER 15 Nevada Bar No. 008289 6385 S. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 600 16 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 Attorneys for Defendant 17 BLAKE ROBERT FUHRIMAN and DP CURTIS TRUCKING 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28



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# 1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP and that on this \_\_5\_ day of March, 2020, I served a true copy of the DEFENDANTS BLAKE ROBERT FUHRIMAN AND DP CURTIS TRUCKING, INC.'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF ELIZABETH BRACY'S COMPLAINT via electronic service by the U.S. District Court CM/ECF system to the parties with an email-address on record, as 7 follows: Joshua U. Aldabbagh, Esq. BOLEY & ALDABBAGH, LTD. 1900 E. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 10 Telephone: 702-435-3333 Fax: 702-475-6567 11 joshua@bandafirm.com Attorneys for Plaintiff 12 ELIZABETH BRACY 13 14 15 16 By /s/ Adrina Harris An Employee of 17 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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